

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 43, 45, 47 and 67 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of providing pay services over a network, comprising the steps of:
 - detecting a request for a designated pay service;
 - detecting an upper limit of an amount designated by a user to be paid for the designated pay service; and
 - displaying a user interface to enable the user to select a desired one of the designated pay service and a pay service other than the designated pay service which can be provided within the upper limit of the amount to be paid.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising a step of requesting provision of one of the designated pay service and the pay service that can be provided within the upper limit.
3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said displaying step includes a step of judging whether a binding service is provided within the upper limit.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for providing pay services over a network, comprising:

detecting means for detecting a request for a designated pay service and for detecting an upper limit of an amount designated by a user to be paid for the designated pay service; and

a display means for presenting a user interface to enable the user to select a desired one of the designated pay service and a pay service other than the designated pay service which can be provided within the upper limit of the amount to be paid.

5. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising requesting means for requesting provision of one of the designated pay service and the pay service that can be provided within the upper limit.

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said display means includes judging means for judging whether a binding service is provided within the upper limit.

7. (Previously Presented) A memory medium storing a program therein, the program comprising:

a step of detecting a request for a designated pay service;

a step of detecting an upper limit of an amount designated by a user to be paid for the designated pay service; and

a step of displaying a user interface to enable the user to select a desired one of the designated pay service and a pay service other than the designated pay service which can be provided within the upper limit of the amount to be paid.

8. (Original) A memory medium according to claim 7, further comprising a step of requesting provision of one of the designated pay service and the pay service that can be provided within the upper limit.

9. (Previously Presented) A memory medium according to claim 7, wherein said displaying step includes a step of judging whether a binding service is provided within the upper limit.

10. to 42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) A service providing apparatus, comprising:
detecting means for detecting a basic service requested by a user and an upper limit of a charge entered by the user for provision of the basic service[[s]];
determining means for determining a plurality of additional services that need additional charges other than a basic charge for the basic service but can be provided within the upper limit of the charge;
output means for outputting information of the plurality of additional services determined by the determining means; and

providing means for providing the user with the basic service and at least one of the plurality of additional services as selected by the user.

44. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 43, further comprising priority acquiring means for acquiring user-designated priority levels, wherein said determining means determines the plurality of additional services which can be provided within the upper limit of the charge according to the priority levels.

45. (Currently Amended) A service providing method, comprising the steps of:

detecting a basic service requested by a user and an upper limit of a charge entered by the user for provision of the basic service[[s]];

determining a plurality of additional services that need additional charges other than a basic charge for the basic service but can be provided within the upper limit of the charge;

outputting information of the plurality of additional services determined in the determining step; and

providing the user with the basic service and at least one of the plurality of additional services as selected by the user.

46. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 45, further comprising a step of acquiring user-designated priority levels, wherein in said determining

step, the plurality of additional services that can be provided within the upper limit of the charge are determined according to the priority levels.

47. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium which stores a program for providing a user with a service, the program comprising:

- a detecting step of detecting a basic service requested by a user and an upper limit of a charge entered by the user for provision of the basic service[[s]];
- a determining step of determining a plurality of additional services that need additional charges other than a basic charge for the basic service but can be provided within the upper limit of the charge;
- an output step of outputting information of the plurality of additional services determined in the determining step; and
- a providing step of providing the user with the basic service and at least one of the plurality of additional services as selected by the user.

48. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable memory medium according to claim 47, wherein the program further comprises an acquiring step of acquiring priority levels which are entered by a user,

wherein the plurality of additional services which can be provided within the upper limit of the charge are determined according to the priority levels.

49. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for providing pay services over a network, comprising:

a detector that detects a request for a designated pay service and that detects an upper limit of an amount designated by a user to be paid for the designated pay service; and

a display device that displays a user interface to enabling the user to select a desired one of the designated pay service and a pay service other than the designated pay service which can be provided within the upper limit of the amount to be paid.

50. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 49, further comprising a requesting device that requests provision of one of the designated pay service and the pay service that can be provided within the upper limit.

51. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 49, wherein said display device includes a judging device that judges whether a binding service is provided within the upper limit.

52. to 66. (Canceled)

67. (Currently Amended) A service providing apparatus, comprising:
a detecting device that detects a basic service requested by a user and an upper limit of a charge entered by a user for provision of the basic service[[s]];
a determining device that determines a plurality of additional services that need additional charges other than a basic charge for the basic service but can be provided within the upper limit of the charge;

an output device that outputs information of the plurality of additional services determined by the determining device; and

a providing device that provides the user with the basic service and at least one of the plurality of additional services as selected by the user.

68. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising a priority acquiring device that acquires user-designated priority levels, wherein said determining device determines the plurality of additional services which can be provided within the upper limit of the charge according to the priority levels.